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Capitol

Frank Thiery, a Fellow Work-
man. Has a Narrow Escape
From a Similar Fate, But
Jumped and Lives.

By the falling of a scaffold at the new state capitol yesterday afternoon Alfred Swanson, a Minneapolis man, was instantly killed.

Frank Thiery, a fellow workman, sustained a fractured leg, but he saved his life by jumping.

Swanson was employed as a mold caster, and Thiery was working alongside him. They were engaged in constructing a scaffold on the south side of the building when the accident occurred. Their work was being done in preparation for the carvers on the upper facade.

The accident occurred in a singular manner, and without knowing it a passing teamster pulled down the scaffold, hurling the men to death and injury.

A long, strong rope was attached to the scaffold, which was about 40 feet high. One end of the rope touched the ground, and it ran over a pulley, its purpose being to haul up boards. When the stone wagon came along the rope caught in one of the wheels. By a peculiar coincidence the other end became fast in the pulley, and the rope was drawn taut. The driver did not notice what had occurred, and he did not stop his horses. Thus the scaffold was actually pulled to the ground.

Swanson fell in towards the building, and struck several projecting timbers. When he was picked up by his fellow workmen life was extinct. Swanson was single, 30 years old, and boarded at 3801 Fourth street north, this city. The body was brought to Minneapolis last night.

Thiery was more fortunate than his companion. He leaped a distance, and landed away from the building in a sandy spot. The left leg was fractured above the knee.

Thiery lives at 358 Erie street, St. Paul. He is married and 25 years of age.